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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT: NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

TO NAC ON SPRING CCD SESSION

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SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS CCD AMBASSADOR REPORTED TO NAC ON MAY 2 THAT CONFERENCE IS FRUSTRATED BY LACK OF PROGRESS ON ITS AGENDA ITEMS DESPITE PROMISING DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. HE DESCRIBED STATE OF PLAY ON QUESTIONS OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC), COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW). DUTCH PERMREP CALLED FOR NAC REVIEW OF ANY WESTERN CW PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY
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1. AMBASSADOR ROSENBERG POLAK, NETHERLANDS CCD REPRESENTATIVE DESCRIBED SITUATION AT CCD AT END OF SPRING SESSION, CHARACTERIZING HIS ASSESSMENT AS PESSIMISTIC. HE SAID MANY CCD REPS IN GENEVA CITE GERMAN TREATIES, SALT AGREEMENT, CHINESE ENTRY INTO

UN, ETC., TO SHOW THAT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAS " NEVER BEEN SO PROMISING." AT SAME TIME, THERE IS WIDESPREAD FRUSTRATION, PARTICULARLY AMONG NON- ALIGNED AT CCD, BECAUSE CONFERENCE HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANY PROGRESS.

2. ROSENBERG POLAK BRIEFLY ADDRESSED SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT ITEMS AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WDC- POLISH GA PRESIDENT' S ACTIONS AT END OF 1972 UNGA HAS BEEN ARBITRARY, AND DESPITE STRENUOUS SOVIET EFFORTS TO CONVENE WDC STUDY COMMITTEE SUCCESSFULLY, REACTION OF MOST PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS HAD BEEN AT MOST LUKEWARM. MANY CCD MEMBERS HAVE DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER EXERCISES IN " NON- REGIONAL DISARMAMENT" THAT WDC MIGHT UNDERTAKE WOULD BE OF ANY VALUE WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ALL FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS.

B. CTB- SOVIET UNION APPEARED TO BE WITHHOLDING ASSURANCE THAT A CTB COULD ENTER FORCE WITHOUT CHINA AND FRANCE. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS MERELY UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING ALL MILITARILY IMPORTANT STATES AS PARTICIPANTS IN DIS- ARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

C. CW- IN REPLY TO SOVIET 1972 TREATY PROPOSAL, WESTERN SIDE HAS BEEN MAINTAINING THAT VERIFICATION PROVISIONS FOR A CW BAN CANNOT BE THE SAME AS FOR BW BAN. SPRING SESSION OF CCD HEARD NO MORE THAN RESTATEMENTS OF OLD ARGUMENTS. EASTERN CON- TENTION THAT IT IS UP TO WEST TO RESPOND WITH A SPECIFIC COUNTERPROPOSAL IS GAINING FORCE, AND CURRENT SITUATION IS " UNSATISFACTORY." THERE WERE SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES FOR A PARTIAL AS OPOSED TO A COMPREHENSIVE CW BAN, AND THERE MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN APPROACH.

D. CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS-- QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED BY NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, BUT NON- ALIGNED MEMBERS HELD TO POSITION THAT NUCLEAR MEASURES SHOULD COME FIRST, AND THERE WAS LITTLE PROSPECT FOR FRUITFUL CCD ACTION.
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3. ROSENBERG POLAK CITED OPINION OF SOME IN GENEVA THAT CCD HAD OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS. THIS WAS NOT DUTCH VIEW, BUT IT WAS UNDENIABLE THAT COMPOSITION OF CCD WAS OUTDATED, AND THAT NON- MEMBERSHIP OF CHINA AND EAST AND WEST GERMANY HAMPERED ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

4. SYG THANKED ROSENBERG POLAK FOR THIS VISIT TO GIVER PERIODIC CCD REPORT. DUTCH PERMREP SPIERENBURG UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF NAC REVIEW OF ANY PROJECTED WESTERN INITIATIVE ON CW.
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